

VA MICU

This policy is designed to:

- a. Delineate the responsibilities of interns and residents in the MICU at the VA Medical Center.
- b. Ensure appropriate coverage of ICU patients during day and night hours.
- c. Specify the algorithm for admitting patients to the MICU.
- d. Specify the policy for transfer out of the unit.
- e. Delineate the Department's policy for off-service ICU patients.

2. VA Medical Center MICU

- a. The MICU team will consist of one upper level resident and two R-1 residents with 1-2 being Mercy interns and 0-1 being an ER resident.
- b. The team will be responsible for all patients admitted to the Pink Team located in the MICU, CICU, or SICU.
- c. Call for all residents will be every fourth night with 4 days off per month. Each resident (including R-1 and upper level residents) will be excused from duties post-call 30 hours after arrival and will work no more than 80 hours per week on average.
- d. When the Pink upper level resident is not on-call, the service will be covered by the Blue Team resident or a cross cover resident. Cross cover residents will be responsible for cross cover of Blue/Pink intern after 5 pm and provide primary coverage for the team without an intern (Pink). VA-DF will provide cross-cover assistance to the Blue/Pink intern from 2 PM-10 PM as necessary. When coming on call, the cross-cover resident will attend sign-out rounds on weekdays and attending rounds on weekends and holidays. Post call on the weekends, the cross-cover resident will help pre-round on the patients and present them in attending rounds if there is no post-call intern.
- e. Clinic will be canceled for all residents on the post-call day.
- f. Emergency Medicine interns may attend their Wednesday morning conference every week, except for their post-call day. They will not be responsible for attending work rounds on these days and therefore must provide the team with detailed sign-out on Tuesday evening.

3. Transfers out of the MICU

- a. When a patient is transferred out of the VA MICU, a floor bed MUST be available before the team is contacted.
- b. When a patient is transferred out to an R-1 resident on a floor team, the receiving R-1 resident will write an accept note and present the patient to the team and attending the following morning.
- c. In order to ensure continuity of care, the ICU team will call the accepting team when the patient is physically leaving the unit, especially if there is a delay in transfer.

4. Off-service ICU patients

- a. At the VA, the Pink team may have primary responsibility for MICU patients who may be temporarily located in the CICU or SICU until a MICU bed becomes available.
- b. The VA MICU team does not care for patients boarding in the ICU on telemetry. When a telemetry bed is available, the patient will be transferred to the appropriate team for further care.

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